



**BOROUGH OF ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS
BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

MINUTES OF THE CAUCUS MEETING OF THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL

DATE: January 14, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 P.M.

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL:

Mayor	Joseph C. Parisi, Jr.
Councilman	Zhi Liang
Council President	Joe Favaro
Councilwoman	Gloria Oh
Councilman	Ed Aversa

ABSENT:

Councilman	Nunzio Consalvo
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ALSO PRESENT:

Borough Attorney	E. Carter Corrison
Chief of Police	Michael Cioffi
Superintendent DPW	Mark Neville
Tax Appeal Attorney	Steve Muhlstock
Municipal Clerk	Lisette M. Duffy

MUNICIPAL CLERK STATED:

Adequate notice of this meeting was given to the press and posted as required. Date and time of these meetings was legally given as required by the "Open Public Meetings Act." This notice is on file with the Municipal Clerk and posted on the bulletin board. Minutes of this meeting will be made available to the public upon the completion of typing and proofreading by the Municipal Clerk.

The following resolution was read by the Clerk:

RESOLUTION 15-25

RE: CLOSED SESSION

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 10:4-12 allows for a public body to go into closed session during a public meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Englewood Cliffs has deemed it necessary to go into closed session to discuss certain matters which are exempted from the public,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Englewood Cliffs will go into closed session for the following reason as outlined in N.J.S.A. 10:4-12:

**Any pending or anticipated litigation - Tax Appeals
Contract & Negotiations - Time Warner Cable**

On a motion by Council President Favaro, seconded by Councilman Aversa, the Council went into closed session.

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: Eastwood, Liang, Favaro, Oh, Aversa

On a motion by Councilwoman Oh, seconded by Council President Favaro and carried unanimously, the Council came out of closed session.

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: Eastwood, Liang, Favaro, Oh, Aversa

The Mayor asked if everyone reviewed the items offered for tonight's meeting. No one on the Council had additional questions; therefore the following items were placed on Regular Agenda for approval:

The Mayor explained Resolution 27. The application is for bond ordinance 2015-01 to be introduced tonight at the Mayor and Council meeting.

The Mayor and Councilman Liang met with the new CFO yesterday. They will meet with the auditors on Friday and are hopeful that the auditor will be able to give us a revenue report.

The Mayor asked the Police Chief to discuss the Police Department's needs.

The Police Chief gave a detailed report and spoke about the importance of police vehicles. He would like to get rid of one car and will request a new car in the 2015 budget. All police vehicles must have cameras by March 2015.

The Police Chief spoke about the jail facility, repairs are needed in the cells. In addition, the Chief requested a pre-fab building to store his vehicles. The cars have sensitive equipment and should really be stored in a garage.

Council President Favaro said if the State mandates cameras, perhaps the State has funds for it.

The Mayor's concern is that we may not have enough money even if it was encumbered. If the State does not grant us money for tax appeals, then we need to use our own funds for the tax appeals.

Councilwoman Eastwood asked when we will see the red light camera revenue and where are the funds for the garage coming from.

The Mayor said we can add a resolution to tonight's agenda for the new car on tonight's agenda. He asked for a show of hands. Everyone agreed except Councilwoman Eastwood who would like more information.

The pre-budget meetings have been scheduled with Councilman Liang and department heads. The first meeting is scheduled for January 23, and will include the auditor and CFO. A drive around town is scheduled on January 24, with some committee chairs and department heads.

The Mayor handed out the Executive Order to the Council. He explained how he would prefer that the Council request information from the Department Heads and not contact professionals directly. Our Professional bill for their time. The Mayor would prefer Committee Chairs work with the department heads. In addition, the Mayor reminded everyone about HIPPA laws. Certain matters are considered confidential and should not be disclosed.

Councilwoman Eastwood said she needs to get information on a timely basis and does not have enough information on the new police car to vote.

The Mayor thanked Councilman Liang for his hard work on the budget.

The Mayor asked if everyone reviewed the items offered for tonight's meeting. No one on the Council had additional questions; therefore the following items were placed on Regular Agenda for approval:

CORRESPONDENCE: Steven Muhlstock, Esq

MINUTES OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS WERE PLACED ON THE REGULAR AGENDA FOR APPROVAL:

Caucus & Regular Minutes of December 10, 2014
Sine Die & Reorganization of January 6, 2015

THE DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS for December 2014 WERE PLACED ON THE REGULAR AGENDA FOR APPROVAL

THE FOLLOWING VOUCHERS WERE SIGNED BY THE FINANCE COMMITTEE AND PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR PAYMENT – CLAIMS FOR THE PERIOD December 11, 2014 through January 14, 2015

CAUCUS REVIEW & DISCUSSION on the Following:

RESOLUTIONS 2015:

Consent Agenda

- 26 – Tax Appeal Block 506, Lot 1
- 27 – Application to the LFB Bond Ordinance
- 28 – Authorization to Enter into Agreement with Riverside Cooperative and Mayor to Sign Contract
- 29 – Authorization Approving Bergen County Mutual Aid

ORDINANCES 2015: FIRST READING

- 01 – Refunding Bond Ordinance for the Funding of an Emergency Appropriation
Public Hearing March 11, 2015

THE MAYOR ASKED IF THERE WERE ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS:

THE MAYOR STATED:

“IF THERE WAS ANY UNFINISHED BUSINESS or NEW BUSINESS AT THIS TIME”

UNFINISHED / NEW BUSINESS:

Police Vehicles
Parking Shed
Jail Facilities
Mayor’s Drive Around Town
Budget Work Session Dates, January 31 & February 11
Mayor’s Executive Order (Communication to Follow)

PUBLIC PORTION:

On a motion by Councilwoman Oh , seconded by Council President Favaro and carried unanimously, the meeting was opened to the public for discussion.

ALL IN FAVOR:

AYES: Eastwood,Liang, Favaro, Oh, Aversa

THE MAYOR STATED:

“IF ANYONE WISHES TO COMMENT, THEY MAY DO SO AT THIS TIME.”

PUBLIC SPOKE:

Mario Kranjac, 47 N. Virginia Court, Englewood Cliffs, NJ asked how a police vehicle was encumbered in 2014.

Carrol McMorro, 7 Ridge Road, Englewood Cliffs, NJ asked for clarification of the encumbrance and had questions about the Executive Order.

The Mayor and Borough Attorney clarified the encumbrance and responded to the resident’s concerns.

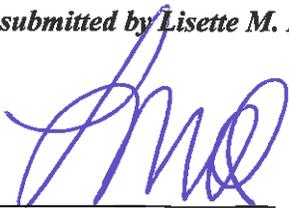
Mary O’Shea, 12 Irving Ave, Englewood Cliffs, NJ questioned the initiation of the encumbrance of the vehicle and felt it should have been discussed with the Council.

Mario Kranjac, 47 N. Virginia Court, Englewood Cliffs, NJ is not in favor of the Executive Order.

After ample opportunity had been given for public discussion, Seeing and hearing none, the Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:58 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by Lisette M. Duffy, RMC, Borough Clerk

ATTEST:



Lisette M. Duffy, RMC, Borough Clerk